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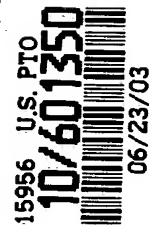
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TITLE: Audio-Only Backoff in Audio-Visual Speech Recognition System

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Enclosed are the following papers relating to the above-named application for patent:

Application - 13 pages of Specification, 4 pages of Claims and 1 page of Abstract
3 Sheets of informal drawing(s)

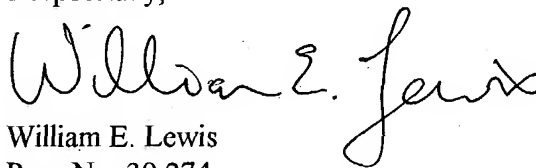
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Total Claims	22-20 =	2	x \$18 =	\$36
Independent Claims	5-3 =	2	x \$84 =	\$168
Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if applicable			\$280 =	\$0
Basic Fee				\$750
TOTAL FEE:				\$954

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